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Photo by Jane Picard

Our roving photographer was walking past a local busstop today and took this picture of an average group of Bostonians waiting for a bus. Apparently a few had seen GCN's GAYRILLA THEATRE. Was it Kinsey who said only 10 per cent?

ABCC Reverses Decision

BOSTON—The Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, in a unanimous decision on December 24, overturned an order of the Boston Licensing Board of two weeks ago rolling back the 2 AM closing times of Jacques and The Other Side to 1 AM, and restored the original 2 AM closing hours. The ABCC found that there was no proper notice for the roll-back, nor were there sufficient reasons given.

The Bay Village Neighborhood Association, claiming that the two gay bars contribute to a high degree of crime and noise in the area, has been seeking to close the two establishments for three years. The new ABCC decision forces the case back to the Boston Licensing Board for the fourth time.

Attorney Frank DiMento, counsel to the management of the two bars, is unconcerned that the issue has turned into what appears to be a political football, saying "We have the law on our side." DiMento said that the Bay Village residents—whom he described as having a great deal of financial and political muscle—would probably continue to base their actions and hopes on the immense amount of publicity and political clout that they can muster up.

Dr. Lawrence Geohegan, past president of the BVNA and currently the defendant

in a half-million dollar libel suit brought by the owners of the two bars, Carmine and Henry Vara (who charge him with slandering them as members of "the Mafia"), apparently agrees with DiMento that, in the end, the matter will "finally be adjudicated in the courts." Both he and DiMento have little faith in the expediency of either the ABCC or the city's Licensing Board.

DiMento said that he is also unconcerned that the city's ruling not to allow the further deployment of paid-detail members of the Boston Police Department's Tactical Patrol Force to work in the area was left unaltered. "We do not need the police at our bars. Our patrons are no more noisy at two o'clock than the people at the Wilbur Theater," he said.

DiMento also intimated to GCN that he will soon be filing a lawsuit against Boston Police Superintendent Joseph M. Jordan, charging him with obstruction of justice. DeMento said that Jordan is harassing TPF officers that testify favorably to the barowner's position. DiMento said that he objects strongly to Jordan's philosophy that "if the police officers testify favorably then they must be lying."

Rep. Barney Frank, whose district includes the Bay Village, charged last week that there is a "corrupt relationship" be-

Women Confront Gay Rights Congress

By ANN MAGUIRE

The First International Gay Rights Congress was held Dec. 18-22 in Edinburgh, Scotland, and marked a historic event in the history of the fight for gay liberation. Historic because it was the first but gay liberation should have had the word male included. The organizers of the Congress largely ignored women in the planning stages and throughout and placed them in a secondary position in the Congress, a position into which women have been placed throughout their history.

Upon our arrival, we learned that many groups (mostly women's) had boycotted the Congress because of the sexist nature of the organization. The women delegates present held a caucus and the issue of sexism was put to the Congress the following morning with the result being that the issue of sexism would be the primary issue of the Congress since it is related to and transcends all other issues.

Delegates to the Congress came from all over the world including North, Central and South America; Europe, Britain, Australia, Israel, and Asia. There were 37 American delegates including five from Boston. The major sessions of the Congress were devoted to Laws National and International; Status of Gay Women; The Fight against Persecution; Counseling and Befriending; Needs of Young and Older Homosexuals; International Action and Federation. Some of the workshops were the Media, Women, Religion, Gay Research, and Sexual Minorities.

One of the brighter spots of the Congress was the First Gay March in Edinburgh.

tween the TPF and the Vara brothers. DiMento said that Frank is "more amusing than effective" and that Frank should "know better after two months of law school." (Rep. Frank is a student at Harvard Law School).

Frank's charge was based on the observation that although Police Supt. Jordan had strongly urged the Licensing Board to revoke the bars' licenses (calling them an "inordinate drain" on the police), TPF officers consistently either failed to produce strong evidence against the two establishments, or simply supported the position of the barowners completely.

A follow-up hearing of the Boston Licensing Board will be held in January to determine the reasons for the roll-back of hours of the two bars.

It grew out of lack of media coverage. We were being ignored again. Our permit was for 20 but almost 500 marched, cheered and chanted through the streets to the Scotsman (local newspaper) and to the B.B.C. The net result at that time was a full time reporter assigned to the Congress by the newspaper and interviews on the B.B.C. a very tangible victory.

Two major papers presented that received the most response from Congress were from a gay brother relating the oppression in Spain where people can be jailed if they think that you are gay and you receive shock treatments. This is the Spanish government's way of controlling people—gay or straight.

The other paper was presented by a lesbian mother from Britain who related how the women's movement disowns lesbian mothers because they are lesbians and the lesbian movement disowns her because she has proof of her heterosexuality, i.e., a child.

Two of the more important actions taken by the Congress are: To organize the First International Lesbian Congress to be held in Norway August 1975 as 1975 has been designated as Women's Year. The Second International Gay Rights Congress will be held in Puerto Rico during Easter of 1976. Five major Task Forces have been set up to hopefully ensure a more successful Second Congress. The five Task Forces will be working on communications with gay organizations; international organizations, finance, oppression and the actual organization of the next Congress.

GAY

HARASSMENT

BOSTON—Any gay person who knows he has been written up on a Field Interrogation and/or Observation (FIO) report by the Boston Police Department should immediately contact the Homophile Union of Boston, 419 Boylston Street, Room 509, Boston, MA 02116, and give the proper details. HUB will be needing the assistance of the entire gay community in formulating their plans for a lawsuit against the Police Department charging them with the harassment of gay persons.



MAINE LINE

By STURGIS HASKINS

BRUNSWICK—Susan Breeding, Speakers Bureau Coordinator for the Maine Gay Task Force, has announced that Portland television station WCSH has offered free air time to the gay community. The offer was made in response to the protests against the "Policewoman". Breeding said the format might be 'pre-packaged'. A meeting will be held at her home to work out final arrangements. A possibility exists that a Portland Woman's group might co-sponsor the show.

SOUTH BRISTOL—A blustery Northeast gale sank the Maine Gay Task Force flagship, the Flying Dutchperson. Owned by MGTG Coordinator Peter Prizer, the Flying Dutchperson, was frequently used during summer months for cruising. Owner, Prizer, a lobsterperson, said the craft's dinghy, Butch, was unharmed.

GCN MAIL PERMIT

BOSTON—GCN finally received their second-class mailing permit. This means that the paper will be stamped "Of time value-Newspaper-Rush." And it will, therefore, be delivered right away.

This means that neither Bostonians nor Bangorians will be served up cold news for breakfast. The GCN subscriber from now on will receive the paper Rush delivery. We applied for this permit last May and are sorry for the many delays caused by our not having it.

Now that all our late-delivery problems are over GCN wants to thank those subscribers that stuck out the months of waiting with us even knowing that their newsstand-buying friends got the news first. For those that have held off subscribing because they hate to wait, now's the season.

ORONO—Plans are underway for the second annual Maine gay conference. Called Symposium II the event is tentatively scheduled to be held again on the Orono campus of the University of Maine. Chairperson Steve Bull met recently with Vice President Kaplan and Student Senate President Jeanne Bailey to confirm plans and dates. It was suggested during the meeting that Bull make an appointment with the school President, Dr. Howard Neville, to keep lines of communication open. Last year's conference ran into difficulties when school officials refused to confirm the availability of campus facilities. Threatened legal action by W-SC members forced the University to reconsider their action and the conference was held as originally planned.

The Maine Gay Task Force and Steve Bull's parents have each contributed a generous sum toward this year's Symposium II. The funds will be used to pay an overdue bill to the school's security force for their presence at last year's conclave. Wilde-Stein members will work with the Maine Gay Task Force people to put on this year's event. Coordinators for the University's effort include Steve Bull, John Frank, Sharon Doucy and Susan Henderson. Donations are being solicited.

Two Wilde-Stein members attended the first Peer Sexuality Counseling training sessions. The meetings are under the auspices of the Dean of Residential Life. Frank reported that the assigned reading on homosexuality was outdated. It referred to gayness as "deviancy" and classified it with bestiality and necrophilia. Frank recommended Weinberg's book, *Society and the Healthy Homosexual*.

Despite cold weather and occasional police harassment, Beacon Hill gays and straights continue their support of the United Farm Workers (AFL-CIO) Gallo boycott. Nine weeks of picket lines at Hunter's Liquors (across the street from the Charles Street Meetinghouse) has apparently not daunted the UFW support committee members, nor has it yet convinced the store manager to remove non-union wines from his stock. Farm workers have asked national support of their demands for secret referendum on the issue of union choice. Gallo management signed a "sweetheart" contract with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters without ever seeking employee endorsement.

"I don't see how anyone could buy the stuff—especially not gays. We know what economic oppression means!" Such remarks are commonly heard on the line along with reminders to "keep it moving" from the private duty police hired by Hunters' management. UFW supporters note that the response from the gay community has been encouraging.

One union staffer expressed amazement at learning that Anthony Costa, a Sporters patron, had circulated a petition to remove Gallo from that bar. "I've never heard of anything like that before. Usually we hear about a bar selling Gallo and send a delegation to investigate." In spite of this independent action, however, Sporters returned Gallo port to their open stock after six months of boycotting. Renewed pressure has apparently led to a second removal since employees at Sporters have twice claimed that the bar is again "clean." Gays wishing to support the Gallo boycott can

express their disapproval whenever they see it being sold in bars. In addition, anyone interested in joining the Hunters' picket line (Friday and Saturday nights), should call Howard Segars, 742-3619.

BILL NUMBERS

The Gay Rights Legislation received House numbers this week. The community is, therefore, urged now to write to their representatives concerning support for the following bills:

House No. 2848—concerning general discrimination.

House No. 2849—concerning discrimination in public employment.

House No. 2944—repeal of certain sections of the law dealing with sexual acts.

Berkshire Bulletin

By BRUCE McKEON

AMHERST—The various gay organizations in the Amherst area have slowed down their activities with the holiday season and the intersession period at UMass. The Pioneer Valley Gay Union (PVGU) will continue to hold its regular Thursday evening meetings at 7:30 p.m. The Grace Episcopal Church recently gave the PVGU \$35.00 to continue its work and to help with future projects. At the last PVGU meeting, the group discussed how more people can be encouraged to participate in the PVGU activities. Suggestions were made that the group should develop other kinds of activities which would appeal to the local gay community. Ideas for involvement with the Amherst community were also discussed. The group considered the possibility of helping senior citizens by having either a car wash or some other fund-raising event, in the near future.

HADLEY—Rachids bar will continue to have Gay Night on Wednesday nights through intersession at UMass.

AMHERST—The Drake, long known as a mixed bar, is undergoing renovations. The owner of the bar has asked GCN to encourage gay people in the Western Mass. area to come and enjoy themselves. The newly decorated bar downstairs should be completed by the beginning of January.



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THE FACE OF REPRESSION

(*The Gay Liberator*) An investigation made by the Protestant Church of Austria last year estimates that at least 220,000 gays were killed in Nazi prison camps during World War Two. Contemporary observers in Austria note that while the situation is different now, it is hardly free. Homosexuality is still illegal under age 18, male pornography and prostitution are heavily punished and gays are forbidden to organize publicly. One gay bar in Vienna, which remained open throughout the Nazi era, was recently raided by police and ordered to change its clientele or close.

REPRINT SERIES PLANNED

One Inc., America's oldest homophile organization, is reprinting a series of rare and out-of-print fiction and non-fiction on male and female homosexuality. The series, which may run to as many as 100 volumes, will be made available to libraries, universities, and individuals throughout the country.

Also, One Inc. is preparing a complete bibliography on homosexuality, which will document references to gay people in history, as well as all modern references and books about gay people.

If you have any suggestions for books that you think should go into the reprint

series, or ideas for the bibliography, please write to: One, Inc., Institute for the Study of Human Resources, 2556 Venice Blvd., Suite 203, Los Angeles, Calif. 90006.

WANTED: GAY LAW STUDENTS

(*The Gay Liberator*) The Peoples College of Law of the National Lawyers Guild is a new community-oriented law school which opened this fall in Los Angeles. The school, which is actively seeking gay applicants, will operate as a non-profit organization, offering an inexpensive education to people who are generally excluded from the legal education process.

The student body is multi-racial and sexually balanced, with an active women's caucus and a gay student's group. Entrance requirements are two years of college of California's two year college equivalency test. Tuition will be \$350 a semester, but financial assistance is possible. Initially, the school will function as a 4-year unaccredited institution with a part-time evening program. Accreditation is being sought, however, and is expected by the time the first class graduates in 1978. All graduates will be qualified to take the California bar exam.

Next classes begin in January and September 1975. For more information, write

Step May, Peoples College of Law, 2228 7th St., Los Angeles, California 90029 or call 213-661-5135.

INSTRUCTORS WANTED

The Beacon Hill Free School will hold its General Meeting for the Winter Term on Monday, January 6, 1975 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in teaching a course this term should notify the school now. Anyone of any age may teach a course, in any subject. Gays in Literature? Gays in Society? Religion and Gay People? Lesbians in the Women's Movement and the Gay Movement? Courses are free, instructors volunteer.

The school is in its sixth year and most classes are held evenings in the Beacon Hill area. Anyone may take what is offered. Instructors must attend the General Meeting and interested students should attend to sign up for courses. The Winter Catalog will be ready one week after the meeting, and can be picked up at Stone Soup Gallery, 313 Cambridge St., Beacon Hill, or a self-addressed stamped envelope sent to BHFS, 315 Cambridge St., Boston, Mass. 02114. For more info: Peggy, 261-3921, or Jack, 523-9481, DAYS. Anyone who is interested in getting together a gay course, should contact Joan Miller at GCN.

LESBIAN CONFERENCE IN MONTREAL

A lesbian conference will be held January 24, 25, and 26, 1975 at the University Settlement in Montreal. Some of the planned workshop topics are: Lesbian Mothers, Sex and the Single Lesbian, Communal Living, Country Lesbians, Monogamy, Coming Out, and Witches and Amazons. Two self-defense classes and basketball and volleyball games are planned for the Settlement gymnasium. Lunch will be provided at the conference on Saturday. Entertainment on Saturday night will include folksingers and a woman's rock band. The conference costs \$3.00 and accommodation will be provided for those who pre-register. If you need accommodation, please specify whether you have any allergies to cats or dogs, and whether or not you are vegetarian.

Send registration information to Montreal Gay Women, 3664 Ste. Famille, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Any women who are interested in going to the conference and who would like to find or offer rides to Montreal for the weekend, or for more information about the conference, please contact Linda Graham, c/o GCN.

Live free or..

NEW HAMPSHIRE NEWS

DURHAM—The University of New Hampshire's Gay Students Organization looks forward to an active spring semester when school resumes January 23.

The main thrust of the GSO's activity this year is to educate the community—to clear up misconceptions spread by the Manchester *Union Leader* and the governor of this state, and to provide an atmosphere in which our closeted sisters and brothers will feel more free to come out. GSO plans to educate the community through further speaking engagements and sexuality workshops.

Last semester GSO speaking engagements were limited to classes such as Social Problems, etc., to which it had been invited. Plans for future speaking include engagements with religious leaders of the community, and speaking in the dorms.

GSO will also be working with the Human Sexuality Center which does sexuality workshops on topics varying from all-inclusive human sexuality to birth control. These workshops are done by groups of two to five people. GSO and Kathy Mirmil Gray who heads the Human Sexuality Center hope to include a gay person in each of these workshops.

Other plans the GSO hopes to realize include the possibility of a New England Gay Students Conference to be held at the University in the spring. Other social events on a smaller scale are also planned.

By PAUL McNEIL JR.

PROVIDENCE—The Rhode Island Civil Liberties Union was recently approached by Governor Phillip Noel and asked for recommendations on individuals rights to privacy. A letter was sent back to the governor asking that laws should be passed guaranteeing sexual privacy for all. The Rhode Island Commission to recommend changes in the judicial proceedings, recently proposed that acts between consenting adults be legalized. Former Attorney-General Richard Israel, who was defeated in the November election, took the position during his term in office that victimless crimes

do not exist, and that, "We live in a puritan state, and therefore I will make every effort to enforce these laws."

On the more optimistic side, State Senator Julius Michaelson defeated Israel in the contest for Attorney-General, and has publicly stated that, in his view, homosexuality is not a crime and should be dealt with either medically or sociologically.

Representative-Elect Robert Ward of Warwick has announced that he will introduce legislation in the state legislature to "protect thirteen-year-olds from sex perverts."

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Journal Acknowledges Gay Nurses

By HARRY KELLY

(*PHILADELPHIA, The Gayzette*) Two years ago "The American Journal of Nursing", the official magazine of the American Nurses Association, printed a stereotypical homophobic article.

This month the Journal has made a significant breakthrough by publishing a letter from Dr. Howard Brown of the National Gay Task Force. Dr. Brown's letter calls for the official recognition of the Gay

Nurses Alliance (GNA) by the American Nurses Association. The letter praises Philadelphia's well-known gay activists Carolyn Innes and David Waldron, co-founders of GNA. "(They) stand as courageous and caring people, whose persons cannot help but convince people that bigotry toward homosexuality should end. I am proud to be represented by them. I believe that millions of homosexuals will let me speak for them in thanking ... (GNA) for what they are doing to help our cause."

The Rhode Island Women's Political Caucus has announced plans to pressure for a change in the state rape laws so that men can be considered victims. At the present time, only women can be raped, according to the law.

PROVIDENCE—The MCC/Providence has a gay health night Tuesdays at 75 Empire St.

The Beirut Restaurant at 125 Washington St. in Providence has afterhours breakfast from 2 to 4 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

NEWPORT—David's Place has recently extended its happy hour prices to cover all hours.

I was recently elected to a three year term on the Board of the Rhode Island Civil Liberties Union and have been appointed to the State Council of Churches Task Force on Homosexuality. I am also secretary of the Rhode Island Conference on Jobs and Income Maintenance. If anyone has any suggestions about legislation, or has a legal problem, or a problem with Unemployment or Welfare, send me a line c/o GCN.

Anyone who is willing to help with this column or with distribution and advertising for Rhode Island should get in touch with Linda Graham at GCN.

EDITORIAL

It's New Year's week as this editorial goes into the typewriter. One sits wondering what the world could be—not the major hopes of peace and equalized opportunity—but the minor hopes, those small steps that make the great journey that could lead us all to the knowledge and belief that all is right with us and the world.

It could start as a simple thing—being able to hold hands on the streets of South Boston, being able to work with the knowledge that your co-workers know and accept your gayness, not meeting with dismay as an ex-married parent, not having people gulp when you say "Gay Community News" to switchboard operators, where no explanation was necessary to your mother when you choose not to marry, where you were invited equally with husbands and wives to office-type social functions.

This awakening could move on to more noticeable things—such as knowing in your

gut the paper will survive because it is a legitimate business enterprise serving a visible community and meeting a true need. Such things as not having to rejoice over Elaine Noble's election because she's gay—only because she's good. Not having to use special bookstores—because gay literature would be of everyone's consciousness.

Another awakening would be in giving us the freedom of vocabulary to refer to fellow male homosexuals with a word equal in weight to lesbian. The English language has robbed us of this privilege—it gives us fag.

Another small step would be to give us a word to replace lover—why have we not a word equal in permanence and significance that is our own parallel to wife and husband? Mary Daly cries out for new words but supplies us none—where are our Carroll's, Time editors and Hopkins? Shall we say minion—my love?

Why not equality in symbolic ritual? When we form affectives why are we not eligible for the accoutrements of the straight world: showers, wedding presents and housewarmings? Where is the world that gives us equal-effective rings, but without the stereotyping of diamonds and wide bands? We wear our matching rings in a silence, sanctifying an affectiveness known only to us and not the public world.

Give us another small thing—a positive sense of humor devoid of diesels and fairies—how about a good substantial laugh about ourselves that reinforces our good qualities not our transitory public-image ones.

Just give us the small things that lead to great ones. That gives us the freedom from ever having to explain why or what.

Give us the day when our invisible minority escapes the perjoration of minority, and invisibility is not a prerequisite to acceptance.

The way to do is to be . . .

LETTERS

Dear GCN:

In the December 7th issue there is a letter by Ken Withers raking David DeNeef over the coals for his article on the Socialist Workers Party. Withers is upset because DeNeef discusses the SWP's attempts to manipulate gay and feminist organizations.

Without offereing any evidence, he accuses DeNeef of making "unsubstantiated allegations." I was around during Gay Pride Week in 1971, and I can testify that "the idle charges of years ago" are true. David has done his homework and knows

what he is talking about.

Until four years ago the SWP expelled homosexuals who were discovered in the Party. When members advocated Socialism, they proudly pointed to the example of Cuba, a nation that has harshly repressed its *maricones*. Suddenly, without a word of apology, they told us they were on *our* side! They assured us, curiously, that the Party had many gay members. (Where had they been all this time? Had they all come out en masse?)

Having been involved in the antiwar movement, I already suspected the SWP as a pretty opportunistic bunch. Two years before, their cause had been the G.I. resistance to the war, then a year later the women's struggle. Now it was our turn. The SWP attempted to take over Gay Pride Week, promoting its own members as "representatives" of our organizations to the media. They included one Party member who had attended one meeting of the Student Homophile League and a SWP political candidate imported from New York. Evidently we could not be trusted to present ideas on gay liberation to the Party's satisfaction.

The disquieting presence of the SWP continued throughout Gay Pride Week, generating considerable resentment. The sight of Party members attempting to place *their* literature on a gay publications table at a teach-in at Old West Church was the last straw, and the meeting became an angry confrontation between the SWP and the gay people. Several women attacked the SWP for exercising the same high-handed tactics toward the gay movement that it had used toward the women's movement the year before. They could detail how groups had been infiltrated and subverted. By now they had the support of the audience. No matter what the SWP members said, they were disbelieved, and at times heckled, because the gays were aware of how they had been used.

My purpose here is not to beat a dead horse (you can read more details in *Fag Rag*, No. 2), but to substantiate David's charges. I know their propensity for joining other people's movements, for attempting to subvert them for their own purposes while taking credit for accomplishments that were not theirs.

John Kyper

PS: I was disturbed by another recent letter, criticizing the "left wing political position" taken by those of us who marched

against racism. As one who lives in a bi-racial Dorchester neighborhood, I feel strongly that the issue is one of basic human rights—an indivisible struggle for gays and for blacks. It is no coincidence that the legislature's Black Caucus have been the most consistent supporters of gay rights legislation.

The lesson of Nazi Germany is clear: If god forbid, the United States ever rounds up the blacks like Germany did the Jews, we will not be far behind. As one anonymous bigot scrawled on a wall near South Boston High: "This is God's White country/Kevin White is a fag."

strokes

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Boston:

First to introduce myself to you. I am the pastor of the new gay church in Rochester, N.Y. and recently took part in the March Against Racism. It was really good to see so many gay brothers and sisters getting on at the rally, being able to walk arm in arm with some of our straight friends. Say it loud: "Gay is good."

Those brothers and sisters I did meet were very helpful and friendly. They were down-right good people. Boston gays have got it together. Bravo Boston gays!

My short one day there with Boston gays will be one that I will never forget for a long time to come.

Maybe in the near future I will come back and visit you for a whole weekend, okay?

Yours in gay pride,
Rev. Charles Jeanotte
Rochester Community
Church

NEED OF THE WEEK

The Lavender Rhinoceros needs \$800 to keep him riding. Each poster in the MBTA Green Line costs \$7.00—so if you won't buy or wear a rhino button or T-shirt, buy a poster or send money to Gay Media Action, Box 5000, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108.



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A MIDWINTER NIGHT'S DREAM

By A. NOLDER GAY

Scene: New Year's Eve. Comfortably furnished study-bedroom in an old brick town house, high up on Beacon Hill. View of aging male gay academic, seated in rocking chair in front of crackling fire, scribbling furiously. Enter Gay New Year 1975, scantily clad, peering over writer's shoulder.

G.N.Y.: Cheers, sententious anchorite! Why aren't you out carousing with the rest of them on a night like this?

A.N.G.: Oh, God, not another one! Your kind has been sneaking up on me with increasing speed in the last few years.

G.N.Y.: That's the breaks, old-timer. Anyway, you can't complain about what my brothers 1973 and 1974 brought you. After all, getting it together and coming out at the pace you have (which isn't exactly the four-minute mile, to be sure) has brought you a whole new set of interests and friends.

A.N.G.: And new commitments on an overloaded schedule, remember. I'm not sure that adding endless gay meetings to endless university meetings is all that much progress.

G.N.Y.: As an intellectual historian, you ought to know that no liberation movement survives without marathon meetings. In the gay movement, they're the activist's substitute for orgasm. Anyway, stop complaining. Since you got involved in the gay community, you've felt ten years younger, you know.

A.N.G.: True enough; on the whole it's been a good experience. (Reflectively) I guess gay life is what you make it.

G.N.Y.: I'd say, old-timer, that it depends on with whom you're making it! (Sits on A.N.G.'s lap, scattering

papers.)

A.N.G.: All right, smart-ass. If I were into S&M, I'd turn you over and start paddling. But at least you look more civilized than your brothers. Whatever happened to the slob look of a couple of years back?

G.N.Y.: Just because you're still addicted to grey flannel doesn't mean fashions don't change, fella; even you've been seen in turtlenecks since you came out! Anyway, androgyny is "in" these days, and how can one look properly unisex without cleaning up a bit? Besides, I'd like to see gay lib become a little less abrasive this year, visually and otherwise. I guess I'd rather get people to switch than fight.

A.N.G.: That's a switch it itself. What do you plan to do for older gays?

G.N.Y.: Love them, of course; they need it more than most. But I'd really like to have my reign go down as the year when gays gave everybody a fair shake—the elderly, the unhandsome, prisoners, the handicapped, gays of a different color or gender, gays whose life-styles seems strange to other gays (there are some!) and straights. In short, I'd like to see more gays look beneath the surface, and find the human beings under the skin.

A.N.G.: Now who's getting sententious? Not being cannibals, most gays aren't interested in what's under the skin. You've got your work cut out for you, I'd say. But, for what it's worth, good luck. (Kisses G.N.Y.)

G.N.Y.: (Switching off lamp) I say, old-timer, that fire's dying down. Don't you know any more imaginative ways of keeping warm?

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BOUQUETS AND BRICKBATS

GCN has chosen this method to acknowledge individuals or organizations outside the core of the gay community who, through their tireless or tired efforts, have become worthy of the community's notice. Of course, some are more worthy than others.



THE COMBINED "OOH, AAH, ICKY POO, NASTY, TISK-TISK", OR THE OMNIPOTENT PSYCHE-MOTHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

goes to Ann Landers, who appeared before the Harvard Club insisting that she is a "champion of gay rights", "and I really can't understand why these people don't realize this". Her speech protested by gays outside, Landers noted "Some of my best friends are...", but still insisted "that homosexuality is a sickness, as anyone will tell you, and no one should be proud of a sickness. (GCN No. 41)

THE LOEB MEMORIAL SILVER BLUDGEON

to the Post Gazette, an East Boston newspaper, which implied that Rep. George DiLorenzo's pledge of support of gay legislation made him the supporter of "deranged sexual invertors trying to molest young children". The Post Gazette also dubbed GCN the "journalist organ (pardon the pun) of the marshmallow inhabitants of the city." (GCN No. 40)

TOO MANY FLOWERS FOR US POOR LOONIES TO AFFORD

to the sponsors, speakers, organizations that supported, and the 79 state representatives and 13 state senators who supported last year's Mass gay rights legislation. We've come a long way baby—last year we had room to list them all!

This year, three— AGNEW CUPS FOR OFFAL ELOQUENCE

to:—Rep. Carey (D-Mission Hill, Boston) (Defeated) It's "up to us to save the morals of the Commonwealth."

—Rep. Saltzman (D-New Bedford) "The good lord created men and women, but he did make a few mistakes."

—and Rep. Hogan (D-Everett) "Those poor people with unfortunate afflictions." (GCN No. 47)

OUR CONGRATULATIONS

to Sen. Robert Hall (R-Worcester) a narrowly elected, vulnerable Republican in a heavily Democratic district, who took a daring and conspicuous stand by introducing the gay rights legislation. His opponent last Nov. used this openly against him, yet he still won handily.

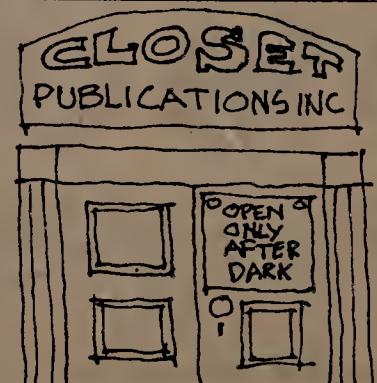
THE "WHEN YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU'RE RIGHT" VIRILITY COUPON

to Theta Chi Fraternity, University of Maine, for expelling member, Jeff Herrer, because of interest in and support of Gay Liberation. After being ordered not to attend any more meetings of the Bangor gay group, Herrer refused, and was expelled by a 20 to 0 vote. Herrer himself is not gay. (GCN No. 35)



THE GCN "SOME OF OUR BEST FRIENDS ARE STRAIGHT" AWARD

to *Mother Earth News*, an alternative lifestyle monthly, for rejecting ads for *R. F.D.*, a rural gay oriented magazine. After having "agonized, soul-searched, and argued", the staff rejected the ad because it might alienate "the little old ladies in tennis shoes". "Have a happy day," they closed their letter. (GCN No. 21)



THE GCN "SOME OF OUR WORST ENEMIES ARE GAY" AWARD

goes to *After Dark Magazine*, which refused to carry an ad for Mercury recording artist Steve Grossman because it carri-

ed the word "gay". It was changed to read "Steve is a *different* musician". (GCN No. 43)

THREE AWARDS FOR "PUTTING THE MONEY WHERE THE MOUTH IS"

to:—Paperback Booksmith, Boston, for its \$1,300 grant to Gay Media Action-Advertising for the Lavender Rhino Ads, and \$120 to GCN. (GCN No. 46)

—The Co-ordinating Council of Literary Magazines, for their \$1,000 grant to *Amazon Quarterly*, the national lesbian-feminist literary/arts journal. (GCN No. 27)

—and the Boston Youth Advocacy Commission (TASC-J) for the precedent-setting \$52,000 grant to the Charles St. Meetinghouse for a gay youth program. (GCN No. 26)

THE BOUQUET FOR THE SWIFTEST CONSCIOUSNESS CHANGE OF THE YEAR

to radio station WNTN, Newton Mass., for deciding to prohibit gay related news and announcements because of one complaint, and then due to a flood of gay complaints, rescinding the order in less than a week. (GCN No. 20)

TWO JACK THE RIPPER HETEROSEXUAL SADIST AWARDS

to NBC, for its Policewoman "Flowers of Evil" segment, and ABC for its Marcus Welby "The Outrage". Both were highly sensationalized to depict gays as villains if not demented, even after extensive editing. Both were shown after national protests and cancellations by sponsors. (GCN No. 12-20)

AND BIG BOUQUETS

to the five ABC affiliate stations, including Boston, Springfield, and Hartford, who cancelled "The Outrage"; the many stations that aired disclaimers, including New Bedford and Bangor; and the seven sponsors who cancelled their advertising in support of the gay community, including the makers of Bayer Aspirin, Gallo Wine, Lipton Soup, Listerine, and Purina Dog Food.

A SUNFLOWER TO STAND ABOVE ABOVE THE REST

to John O'Connell, columnist for the *New York Times*, who wrote one of the few competent pieces on the NBC "Policewoman" protest appearing the straight press. Pulling few punches, it sounded more like GCN than the *Times*, and ended "This is the nonsense being spewed out by prime time 'entertainment'. The mindlessness and irresponsibility are shocking." (GCN No. 27)



THE COMBINED "I WANT YOU" POSTER AND THE "IF THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT, THEY WON'T TRY IT" BUTTON

to the Rev. Benjamin Bubar, superintendent of the Christian Civic League of Augusta, Maine. In response to a Wilde/Stein Club dance, Bubar was quoted in local and national media as saying "such activities could lead many innocent and unsuspecting young men...to being recruited and enslaved...homosexuals cannot reproduce, therefore they must recruit." (GCN No. 29)

A WILTED DANDELION

to U. Maine president Howard Nevell, who bowed to political pressure in ruling that U. Maine would not host a Maine Gay Conference.

BOUQUETS AND BULLET PROOF VESTS

to the U. Maine Board of Trustees, who voted unanimously to override Nevell, and

POSIES FOR THEIR RESPONSES

to the *Bangor Daily News*, which editorially stated "Most of Maine, we'd guess, would prefer that homosexuals be relegated to the shelf alongside other traditionally uncomfortable subjects. But the closet has been opened, and we have no choice but to deal with it." And to the editorially snide Rev. Bubar, for noting, "ironically, the initial moans of disenchantment have come from the clergy, those who are supposed to epitomize tolerance, compassion, understanding, and social sophistication". The Bangor paper is the most conservative, and the most widely read paper in the state. (GCN No. 33)

and to the Maine Campus, U. Maine—Orono newspaper, which editorially took to task the Student Senate for refusing to fund the conference. "Perhaps student senators and Maine Republicans are grown

in the same garden, fertilized by the same bullshit, and harvested by the same twisted bureaucratic machine." (GCN No. 34)

THE "IT'S ALL RELATIVE IN WEST SPRINGFIELD" RIBBON

to the West Springfield, Mass. Police Dept., which requested the withdrawal of "A Very Natural Thing" from a local theatre. The police unknowingly viewed the film because of a complaint about the previous film, but found "Natural" "a little obscene" anyway.

THE "WHEN THEY KNOW US THEY'LL LIKE US THEORY" AWARD

to either GCN or the Boston Police Dept. Upon stopping GCN's Ad Manager one night on Beacon Hill, and subjecting him to the typical questions, the officer asked "Where do you work?" Hearing "GCN," the officer's response was "Oh, Christ, good night!" Later, when GCN's office was robbed, the police radio call was "a B&E, 22 Bromfield St., 2nd floor, at that newspaper." (GCN No. 21)



THE "I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, I'VE HAD MY EYES CLOSED FOR YEARS" AWARD

to Metro Transit Advertising and the MBTA for deciding that the Lavender Rhino Campaign is not "public service," therefore tripling the cost. (GCN No. 45)

ANOTHER MAMMOTH BOUQUET

to David Kemp, *Boston Globe* columnist, who most competently covered the Rhino campaign. After explaining the purpose, he sharply stated that the MBTA "was letting its hang-ups hang out," that it obviously deserved the 'public service' rate, and that if it had been submitted by an ad agency with financial clout, it would have been accepted. (GCN No. 48)

AN ABOVE THE CALL CARNATION

to State Senator Edward Burke, who as head of the Mass Legislature's Joint Committee on Transportation, wrote the MBTA on his own initiative demanding to know upon what the MBTA bases its public service rate. (GCN No. 47)

THE GCN HOOF-IN-MOUTH SILVER PRINCESS PHONE AWARD

to the *Boston Globe*, which stated in an editorial explaining why it had decided to accept cigarette advertising again, that it "has a responsibility to the public to allow the various voices of the community appropriate access to its advertising space...should a newspaper impose its view by economic sanctions?" "We think not" the *Globe* answered itself. Well, in a matter of days, the *Globe* rejected an ad for *The Advocate*, which merely stated that it was a paper "to America's homosexuals". Through a GCN editorial and a meeting with *Globe* Editor Thomas Winship, the

"simple conflict between departments" was corrected, and GCN placed a similar ad.

THE POISON PURPLE PROSE PENDANT

goes to William Loeb and his *Manchester Union Leader*, for actions too numerous to list fully, but including a secretly-taken front page picture of those attending a U-NH gay dance, a front page exposé on "Sodomite Clubs" in Manchester, ("Sodom and Gomorrah in Manchester"), and a front page "Watch Marcus Welby Tonight For the True Facts" Editorial. (GCN No. 41, 9, & 18)

THE LOGIC IS A POLITICIAN'S WORST FEAR AWARD

to the seven-member Worcester Mass City Council, who gave into hysteria about Worcester becoming "the gay capital of America" in defeating a gay rights ordinance. Our thanks to the two who voted favorably. (GCN No. 5)

THE JOE MC CARTHY PROGRESSIVE GOVERNMENT AWARD

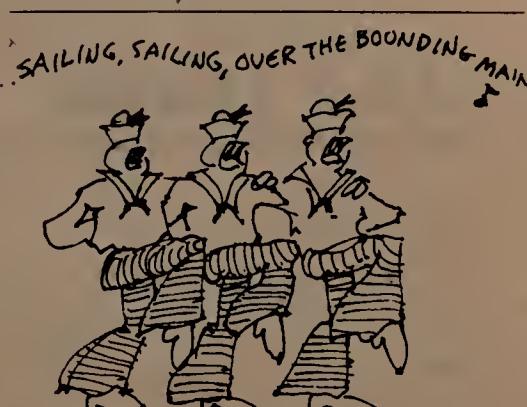
to the Wayland, Mass. Town Zoning Board for seriously considering a complaint that two men, who jointly owned a house in that town, should not be allowed to live together in it, because of a present code that states family dwellings must be inhabited by "blood" relations. (GCN No. 26)

THE OUR FRIENDS COME THROUGH (USUALLY) PLAQUE

to the *Boston Globe* for its critical editorial of the Wayland zoning code. The *Globe* openly acknowledged the hidden homophobia involved, and stated, "Zoning laws or other city ordinances should no more be used to advance narrow moral notions of a community than to bar blacks, orientals, or poor people." (GCN No. 26)

AND A BIG NOSEGAY

to Esquire Theatres, for their continued support of the gay movement, particularly through their generous film benefits for GCN and other groups.



THE NOW REALLY, GUYS! PLAQUE

to the Winter Harbor, Maine, Naval Institution for the harassment of an allegedly gay sailor. Gay posters in the sailor's room were proven to be photographed by the officers, and when they couldn't deny it any more, they stated that the room had been chosen to show an interior decorator! (GCN No. 21)

THE WE'VE HEARD ILLEGAL, BUT UN-HISTORICAL? AWARD

to Cambridge Assistant City Manager, Robert Healy, who revoked the permit for a Cambridge Community Gay Picnic in Longfellow Park when he found out it

was to be gay. Healy said, "Your intended use is not consistent with the historic and peaceful nature of the park" as reason for revoking the permit. The picnic took place as scheduled, with no problems. (GCN No. 6)

THE IT'S ALL DONE WITH MIRRORS FOLKS AWARD

to Humberto Cardinal Mederos of the Catholic Archdiocese of Boston. "The position of the church is that all acts of sexuality between members of the same sex are objectively sinful." However, (on the gay discrimination legislation)...His Eminence is, of course, opposed to discrimination of any kind." (GCN No. 40)

JUST A FEW BLOOMS TO GO AWARD

to Mass. Gov-elect Michael Dukakis. Last year GCN gave him "ONE HALF A BOUQUET, MAYBE THE REST NEXT YEAR AWARD", on the basis of his strong but untested support of gay legislation. Well, now he's Governor, and we sincerely hope he'll put those stands to work. As we mentioned last year, candidates seem to have a habit of forgetting after being elected, but maybe only if we let them.

THIS YEAR'S GCN SPECIAL GO BEGET YOURSELF AWARD

goes to Ex-Attorney General Robert Quinn, candidate for Governor of Mass. Concerning Gay Rights, Quinn wrote, "I am more concerned with protecting the family and the young than I am with endorsing license for deviant sexual conduct which is abhorrent to society." Quinn lost. (GCN No. 5)

THE BEIBER MEMORIAL "AND YOU THINK WE'RE SICK" AWARD

to Rev. Don Boyd of the Queen City Baptist Church, Manchester, N.H. In a front page letter to the *Union Leader*, he wrote, "Homosexuality is an abomination to God." Boyd recommends that "a wise parent can guard against homosexuality", noting that it should be required that boys perspire "because our country is in need of men." Boyd also disclosed that "homosexuality is detestable to God. It stinks to God. God hates it. In other words, it's a sin." (GCN No. 37)

THE COTTON MATHER PURITAN PLAQUE OR THE THAT'S WHAT MADE THIS COUNTRY GREAT TROPHY.

to the two Hartford, Conn., Baptist ministers who contend that "teaching home economics to sixth grade boys promotes homosexuality in local public schools. (GCN No. 26)

INDIVIDUAL BOUQUETS

to the following media for supportive gay rights editorials:

—WKBG-TV, Ch. 56, Boston, "(We) are appalled that we must create additional laws to make sure that individual rights are enforced in every case." (GCN No. 40)

—The (Quincy) *Patriot Ledger*, "Many sexual practices which the state declares to be illegal are neither 'unnatural' nor regarded as deviant by medical and psychiatric authorities when practiced in private between consenting adults." (GCN No. 40)

—WNAC-TV, Ch. 7, Boston, "We think that there is something wrong with a society that is more tolerant of corruption, violence, deception, and disloyalty than it is of individuals who, in their own private lives, have preferences which might be different from ours." (GCN No. 14)

—and the *Provincetown Advocate*, which

editorially asked "How can voluntary activities between two consenting adults be called criminal?" (GCN No. 6)

THE IF WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT, WE DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT BUTTON

to the Christian Science Church for using its power as landlord to force the Boston Center for Older Americans to not allow Fenway, a community gay group in Boston, to meet any more in its building. (GCN No. 50)

THE PARDON ME, BUT YOU'RE NOT A TICKET

to Boston Police Commissioner DiGrazia, for firing a police recruit hours before installation, for "being in the company of an admitted homosexual". (GCN No. 21)



THIS YEAR'S STRANGE BED-FELLOWS AWARD

to, believe it or not, the gay community and the Boston Police Patrolman's Association. Chester Broderick, chairperson of the Association, is taking DiGrazia to court over the above firing. Said Broderick, "Many of us in the department are in the company of homosexuals daily—or have relatives who are homosexual." Citing past cooperation with the gay community, he noted "after the excellent start at creating good will, this action is ridiculous and will set things back to the atmosphere of the 50's again." (GCN No. 21)

THE MC GOVERN/MC CARTHY POLITICAL ACUMEN AWARD

to the Maine State Democratic Convention for overwhelmingly endorsing a gay rights plank in the state party platform, becoming the second state to do so, following only Oregon. (GCN No. 48)

A TWO-TON ANCHOR WITH ANKLE STRAP

goes to West Harwich (Cape Cod) Town Board Chairperson Donald Griffin for revoking the license of a lounge which billed a female impersonator. Griffin was quoted, "We don't want any fags in Harwich." (GCN No. 10)



THE LOIS LANE SELECTIVE ACCURACY AWARD

to *VIVA* Magazine, which reacted to a Lavender Rhino press release by a news item which ignored the nature and purpose of the ads, and instead, told of the "humorous" graffiti people had written on Boston gay subway ads. In fact, the ads did not appear till months after the *VIVA* article, but so what? The story was "real cute".

AND ANOTHER BIG BOUQUET

to the Mass Superior Court, which ruled that "unnatural and lascivious" do not prohibit those acts performed in private between consenting adults. (GCN No. 20)

Off The Book Shelf

Wilde's Life Still Unrecorded

The Unrecorded Life of Oscar Wilde
by Rupert Croft-Cooke
289 pp. N.Y.: David McKay & Co., Inc.
\$6.95

Biographies of famous homosexuals traditionally have had one element in common: a thorough cover-up of the subject's emotional and sexual life. Oscar Wilde has been one exception to this rule because of his notoriety due to his trials. Wilde, the famous Victorian playwright, was tried and convicted of sodomy. After his death quite a few people wrote about him; even friends and enemies cashed in on Wilde and wrote, often fictionalizing as they went along. The result, in Oscar Wilde scholarship, has been confusion, contradiction and sometimes downright dishonesty. *The Unrecorded Life of Oscar Wilde* sets out to clear up many of the distortions about Wilde's life.

Croft-Cooke spends his entire first chapter summarizing other biographies, comparing and evaluating them in the process. The differences in the story they tell are incredible. Croft-Cooke aims for a much more factual biography. His method is a good one: he pays close attention to the letters. (Fortunately Wilde was a prolific correspondent.)

The letters are revealing. Croft-Cooke is of the opinion that they are the real contribution Wilde made to English literature, not the plays, as is usually assumed. Croft-Cooke relates the numerous love affairs of Wilde, from his early romance with Frank Miles to the true love of his life, Bosie Douglas. We learn much about Wilde's personality—his dry English wit, his inordinate pride, and his lusts—for food, drink, and nice English boys. We also see Wilde's tragic flaw, his inability to make clear, levelheaded decisions and plans, a fault which was responsible for getting

him arrested and tried for sodomy in the first place. Granted, England had just recently instituted its sodomy laws and was definitely a homophobic society during the Victorian Era, but Wilde could have easily avoided his arrest and imprisonment if he had had the ability to think clearly in a difficult situation, which he did not. In a very real way, he brought the world down on himself, but in the process he became a martyr to the cause of gay liberation, during his own time, and since.

The book, however has odd gaps. Croft-Cooke fails to deal with the paradoxes in Wilde's personality. From Wilde's schoolboy association with the Oxford Movement to his deathbed conversion to Catholicism, Wilde was strangely (indeed) attracted to the Church, although he was not pious. As he put it himself, "My position is curious: I am not a Catholic: I am simply a violent Papist."

Croft-Cooke similarly avoids discussion in any depth of Wilde's marriage. Croft-Cooke's position on homosexuality is ambiguous, which may be the reason for the failure of his book to deal with the Wilde personality in its entirety. He speaks strongly about England's now-abolished sodomy laws. His narration concerning Wilde's love for Bosie Douglas is particularly touching, probably because the author personally knew Douglas. Yet he speaks absurdly about Wilde's marriage, "A man of predominantly homosexual proclivities...frequently makes a superlatively good husband. He has ideas on house and decoration and entertainment, he responds to her articulate and not over-demanding urges with romantic if not quite realistic gusto...He designs his wife's clothes and is

A Review By TOM MYLES

charming with her friends without giving her cause for jealousy. If after all that he demands an occasional night in a Turkish bath or a holiday with a male friend, the wife probably realizes that she would be a fool to complain" (p. 99). Rubbish.

Very oddly, Croft-Cooke merely skims over the trials, of which there were three. He begins his chapter on the trials by saying they have been recapitulated in numerous other places. This may be so, but he should not allow his boredom with an aspect of Wilde's life he knows well to be our loss.

Similarly missing is any discussion of the relationship between Wilde's life and his works, which is the real point of having a factual biography about a homosexual artist. Wilde was questioned extensively on *The Picture of Dorian Gray* during the trials, but it is barely mentioned in *The Unrecorded Life*. However, Wilde wrote his best play, the frivolous *The Importance of Being Earnest*, while undergoing one of the most difficult periods of his life. Croft-Cooke, typically, refuses to comment on this disparity—if it is one—as well.

So, basically, *The Unrecorded Life* is a very uneven book in quality, and unfortunately it is not intellectually satisfying. The lists of boys whom Wilde seduced is boring to read. The book is factual, but far from complete, and in its omissions it fails to get to the roots of Wilde's complex personality. So a biographer's task is still not fulfilled in the case of Oscar Wilde, that task being to relate honestly and in detail the life and personality of the subject in light of his works. *The Unrecorded Life* fills in gaps in what we know about Wilde, but it leaves others as well.

Speaking for Myself

GAY CHURCHES ARE A FRAUD

By ALLAN STEWART

The "gay churches" are, it seems to me, a sham and a fraud. They don't work. By trying to have something for everyone, which seems to be their goal, they end up having nothing for anyone.

You've probably heard people say, "I'm all for relevant religion that is free and alive and where the action is, but institutional religion turns me off." That seems, from my observations, to be the main position of most gay churches. Yet it's a contradiction in terms.

Religion, if it is to be religion at all, must be institutionalized and articulated in organization and service and liturgy and art. That is what religion is. There can no more be non-institutionalized religion than there can be a bodiless body. Flesh and spirit and deeds of religion, any religion, are inseparable.

Why "gay churches" anyway? It seems at cross-purposes to the whole idea of gay liberation, and who needs another "separatist" organization? Why not work, as many gay people are doing, at changing

the attitudes of the established Christian churches? Or just leave the church altogether? The gay churches can't answer these questions: there seem to be several reasons why they cannot.

The gay churches confuse freedom and anarchy. Doing your own thing isn't freedom, it's anarchy. It's also selfish and not very productive. Jesus said, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." But the gay churches seem to have translated that as "Love thyself."

The gay churches have plundered the trappings of established churches, leaving the substance behind. Instead of creating fresh, new, relevant liturgies and theology, they have simply plagiarized and subverted existing ones. The result is incoherence without form, style, or living substance. It's a facade which deceives no one.

Gay church services are more like pseudo-religious drag shows than meaningful worship. They are parodies of Christian worship, having some of the form but none of the vital substance. Tiny congregations, and the casual behavior of the few who do attend, point up their lack of

meaning and their lack of ability to create a sense of communal worship.

Social outreach programs, too, are mere travesties, a mimicking of programs and groups which the established churches are rapidly discarding because they cannot meet people's needs. Yet the gay churches persevere, complaining all the way about lack of gay community support.

A church, a religion, is people gathering together in shared beliefs. They worship together to express that belief, and then take it to the world through their lives and deeds. To do that, the gay churches must "institutionalize" with real, relevant, meaningful creeds, liturgies, and theology which are more than just a parroting of the established churches. And unless they do that, the gay churches won't succeed.

Gay liberation depends, ultimately, on gay people truly caring for, and sharing the concerns of, other gay people. Absorbed in petty ego trips and trivial inter-nicene quarrels, the gay churches fail to understand or act on that simple message. They are a sham and a fraud until they do.

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Talking Politics

GAYS WILL PAY IN '76

By DAVID P. BRILL
THE CITY, THE STATE

In the United States today, there are fifteen cities that provide some sort of legal protections for homosexuals. Cities, you will note, not states. Massachusetts may strengthen its reputation as "the one and only" in 1975 as the only state with discrimination protections for gays. There are a number of reasons for it.

Boston is not a terribly large city, making for less than a third of the area commonly called "Greater Boston". General discrimination laws passed for the city of Boston alone would leave out the majority of persons around Boston.

Furthermore, not everyone in Massachusetts lives in "Greater Boston." Gays in Great Barrington, Provincetown, and South Hadley would all have no interest in the gay movement if it were confined to a Boston-only effort.

A third reason for the state-wide effort regarding gay rights legislation has been the traditional membership of many of the area's original gay organizations. The prime movers a few years ago hailed not from Boston, but from such outlying areas as Lynn, Brockton, Lowell, and, yes folks, even Winthrop.

The city of Boston does not deserve its reputation as a "liberal" city. Clearly, the intelligentsia of the city, *a la* B.U., Emerson, and their neighbors across the river, M.I.T. and Harvard play some part in determining that image, but more important are the neighborhoods that send to Boston its most influential leaders: Boston *Globe*-editor Tom Winship lives in Lincoln, WNAAC General Manager James Cooper-smith lives in Marblehead, His Excellency Judge Garrity resides in Wellesley along with the leaders of Common Cause and the League of Women Voters, while such places as Saugus, Newton, and Wakefield send Boston even more "leaders".

Boston's Plan E government—i.e., "at-large", representation on the City Council and School Committee—makes matters worse. Neighborhoods like East Boston, the South End, Charlestown, and the Back Bay never get any representation be-

cause the well-organized voters in South Boston and the high-numbered Dorchester/Roslindale wards gobble up all the available seats by voting for their own. Hence, people like Louise Day Hicks and John Kerrigan consistently top the field in the City Council elections, while the voters of Beacon Hill haven't had a voice in the City Council or School Committee in years.

GAYRILLA THEATRE

Wave to the Rhino Poster.

Larry DiCara and James Michael Connolly—the two city councillors who have been most helpful to gays on the city level—are the two council members whose seats may be in the most danger next year, as race-baiting Kerrigan engages in a game of musical chairs, moving from the School Committee to City Council now that the salary has been almost doubled.

The reason why people like Kerrigan and Hicks come to power as they do is because the voters of such areas as the Back Bay, Beacon Hill, and South End (with heavily gay populations) simply do not turn out to vote in city preliminary and general elections. And as the furor over busing continues, the regular voters of Southie and Dorchester will continue their domination of city government.

This can be changed if more gay people in Boston registered to vote, and voted when they should.

The two schools of thought thus discussed—that of the city's veritable non-role in the work of a die-hard gay liberationist, and the needed gay influence in next year's city elections—would appear to contradict each other. And ordinarily, they would. But there is a connection.

That connection is known as the Mayor.

The Mayor of the city of Boston has more power—that is, in terms of people,

jobs, influence, and politics—than just about any other political figure in the state. The city charter is arranged so that the vast majority of city boards and employees are reportable to him and him alone, which is why "Kevin White's People" can help elect such figures as State Senator Michael LoPresti in areas like East Boston and the North End, where White's unpopularity is second only to South Boston. So where do gay people figure into all of this?

In a few places, but in important ones. For Boston gays, the Police Department is probably the agency which they have—or are afraid to have—the most contact with. Before Mayor White brought in Commissioner Robert J. DiGrazia almost two years ago, the Boston Police Department was so infested with disorganization and corruption as to make New York's Knapp Commission choke. And while there have been major policy differences between the gay community and DiGrazia—most significantly and immediately the now-notorious situation regarding FIO reports on "The Block"—he has shown himself at all times to be a person who listens.

In addition to the appointment of DiGrazia (and anyone who is constantly being sued by the Boston Police Patrolmens Association can't be all bad!), there are other appointments in his administration of interest to gays. Bob Schwartz, his education advisor, and Ann Lewis, his out-going administrative assistant and Barney Frank's sister, were both active in Elaine Noble's successful campaign for state representative this year.

White's opponents next year will include two of the most vapidly anti-gay politicians in the city: State Senator William Bulger of South Boston, and Senator Joseph Timilty of Mattapan, a former City Councillor.

Bulger, who held his first \$100-a-plate fund-raiser last week, is reportedly running because he is unhappy with the new Senate district that he now has, which forces him to answer not only to the voters of

the South Boston mentality, but to people in Allston, the Back Bay, and Beacon Hill. Since a political compromise between the two constituencies would be a contortionist's feat at best, Bulger has decided to get out of the Senate and try for Mayor. He's got the best shot at White, and to sum up his politics, it would be sufficient to say that he has the distinction of being one of a very few Senators to have an ADA rating that is over 95% wrong, and that he changes lapel pins from "Stop Busing" to "No Fags in My District" daily.

Timilty's a bit better—he supports the de-criminalization of marijuana—but still lives with the memories of his tag-rolling days down at the Falmouth Yacht Club, according to an old classmate of his. So while *The Globe*'s Michael Kenney may keep insisting that Timilty's "way out on the left," Boston gays could have a justifiable fear of bar-raids and closed communication-lines under Mayor Timilty. They say he doesn't like Barney Frank.

State Rep. Raymond Flynn of South Boston, a rising star over the horizon who seems like a cross between George Wallace and Fred Flinstone, is going to be an also-ran (his bumper stickers are already out), but he isn't taken seriously, and really, do even the people of South Boston deserve him?

In the City Council, as stated previously, Larry DiCara and Jim Connolly have been extremely helpful to Boston gays—especially in matters involving gay city employees and police hassles. They deserve gay support.

In summation, then, the 1975 election in the city of Boston has as much significance as insignificance to Boston gays. But to ignore it in 1975 may mean paying for it in 1976.



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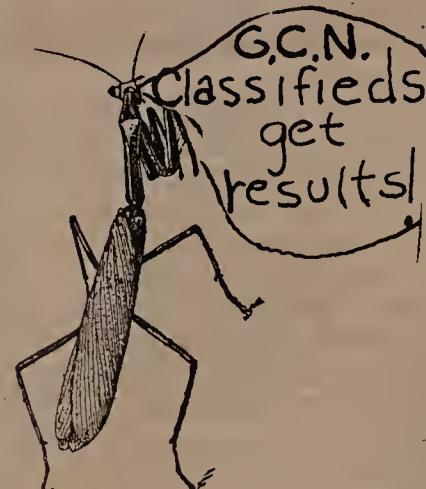


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Dignity/Merrimack Valley P.O. Box 348, Lowell 01853
Homophile Union of Montachusett P.O. Box F5, Leominster
MCC / Worcester 756-0730
Provincetown 24-Hr Drop-in Center 487-0387
Provincetown Homophile Assistance League, Box 674, Provincetown 02657
New Bedford Women's Clinic 999-1070
SMU Gay Alliance, SMU Campus Center, N. Dartmouth 02747
Worcester Gay Union 752-8330

WESTERN MASS. (area code 413)
Amherst Gay Hotline (men & women) 545-0154
Everywoman's Center (Amherst) 545-0883
Gaybreak Radio (WMUA-FM, 91.9) 545-2876
Hampshire College Gay Friends 542-4889
Pioneer Valley Gay Union, Amherst 253-2591
Gay Women's Caucus (Amherst) 545-3438
Springfield Gay Alliance 583-3904
Southwest Women's Center 545-0626

Valley Women's Center (Northampton) 586-2011

RHODE ISLAND (area code 401)

Brown University Gay Liberation, c/o Student Activities Office, Brown U, Providence 02912

Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861

Gay Women of Providence 942-2094

Homophile Community Health Service (Providence) 274-4737

MCC Providence & Coffee House 831-3773

Kingston Gay Liberation 792-5817

(area code 802)

Counseling for Gay Women & Men, c/o Vt. Womens Health Ctr., 158 Bank St., Burlington, Vt. 05401 862-3955

Goddard College Gay Students Organization, P.O. Box 501, Plainfield, Vt. 05667 454-7174

Gay Student Union, Billings Student Center, U. of Vermont Burlington, Vt. 05401 658-3830

Gay in Vt.; Box 3216, No. Burlington Sta., Burlington, Vt. 658-3830, 862-2397

Gay Students Org., Box 501, Goddard College, Plainfield 05667

Vermont Gay Women 862-7770, 863-3237

Women's Switchboard 862-5504

Counseling for Gay Women & Men 863-1386

Gay Male Counseling 658-3830, 862-2397

(area code 203)

George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646

Gay Alliance at Yale, 2031 Yale Sta., New Haven 06520

U/Conn/Storrs 486-2304

Kalos/Gay Liberation Hartford 568-2656
Institute of Social Ethics/National Gay Archives, 1 Gold St., Suite 22B, Hartford 06103

547-1281

MCC Hartford 522-5575
Hartford Gay Counseling 522-5575

Women's Liberation Center, Hartford 523-8949

East Conn: Gay Alliance, Norwich 889-7530

NEW HAMPSHIRE (area code 603)

Univ. N.H. Gay Students Organization, c/o Memorial Union, Durham 03824
Women's Group, P.O. Box 137, Northwood 03261 (DO NOT use "gay" on any mail to the group)

Seacoast Area Gay Alliance Box 1424, Portsmouth 03801

MAINE (area code 207)

Bangor Unitarian Gay Caucus, P.O. Box 1046, Bangor 04401

Brunswick Gay Women's Group, 136 Maine St., Brunswick 04011

Gay Rights Organization (GRO), P.O. Box 4542, Portland 04114

Gay Community Center/Gay Support and Action c/o Bangor Tenant's Union, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, Maine 04401

Hancock County Gays, P.O. Box 275, Ellsworth 04605

Lambda, 7 Nancy Rd., Brunswick 04011

Maine Gay Task Force/MGTF Newsletter Box 4542, Portland, Maine 04144

The Bridge, Box 901, Roberts Union, Colby College, Waterville 04901

Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, U. of Maine, Orono 04473 581-2571

Maine FreeWoman's Herald, Box 488, Brunswick 04011

Maine Gay Indians, c/o Deanna Francis, Passamaquoddy Library, Pleasant Point 04667

COMING... Dec 31 thru Jan 26



31 tues

A New Year's Eve party at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston, beginning tonight at 8:30 pm and lasting until?? *Live* music by Airline, refreshments, dancing, mad poets, free champagne for everyone at midnight, plus an inexpensive cash bar. Presented by Jack Powers for the benefit of the Meetinghouse and Stone Soup Society. Tickets available for \$5.00 each at Stone Soup, 313 Cambridge St., Charles Circle, Boston. For more information call (617) 523-9481.



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Active Gays' Brunch will hold its monthly meeting today at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston, at 11 am. All are welcome.

Gay Legislation will hold its second organizational meeting today at 2:30 pm at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. The laws you change may be your own.

5 sun

Dignity's first general meeting will be held directly after our Mass to discuss where our chapter is going and what we wish to accomplish. Please be there we need your support.

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MONDAYS

10:00 am—Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM
5:30 pm—Women's Community Health Center open house, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge, Mass.
7:00-10:00 pm—Bisexual Phone Line, 266-5347
7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
7:11 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House
7:30 pm—HUB General Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston.
7 pm—MCC/Providence, Love-Feast Pot-Luck supper, 75 Empire St.

TUESDAYS

7:00 pm—Lesbian Therapy Research Project, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
7:30 pm—DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
7:30 pm—MCC prayer group, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3773. Rap session follows.
8 pm—Springfield Gay Alliance, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays; First Unitarian Church, 245 Porter Lake Drive, Springfield
7:11 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House
7:30 pm—HUB Coming Out Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston.

WEDNESDAYS

12 noon-8 pm—Providence Drop-In Center has these hours especially for gay problems. Come in or call. See Quick Gay Guide.

8 wed

The first training session for the new Gay Hotline will be held at 7 pm in the new offices of the Homophile Community Health Service at 80 Boylston, Suite 805. Anyone who has not yet signed up for training and would like to work on the line is invited to attend this meeting. For more information, contact Chris Goerin at 542-5188.

Hartford's MCC is sponsoring a ski excursion to nearby Powder Ridge, Connecticut. Skiers, sledgers, and snow lovers are welcome to congregate at St. Paul's Church parking lot, 1 Amity St., corner of Park St. Hartford, Conn., at noon. Round trip transportation is provided for \$3.00 and the group will return there by 6 pm. For more details, call (202) 522-5575.

11 sat

There will be an inaugural dinner in the Louise XIV ballroom of the Somerset Hotel in honor of Elaine Noble's election to the State House of Representatives. The Somerset Hotel is located at 400 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. Tickets are \$12.00 each, which includes cocktails dinner and dancing, and may be obtained by mail or in person at 78 Queensbury St., Boston 02215. Please direct all requests to Phillip S. Castle; checks should be made payable to the Committee To Elect Elaine Noble.

There will be an organizational meeting for all those interested in forming an athletic program for the gay community. All are invited, please don't feel you have to be of a certain physical stature to attend, all you need is the desire to participate. This is for men & women, old & young. The meeting will be held at 2:00 pm at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. For more info contact George at the GCN office. BEACON HILL vs BACK BAY?

19 sun

ENTRE NOUS, the leather and denim club of Boston will hold another Flea Market from 1 to 5 pm at the 1270 Club, 1270 Boylston St. Booths are available, come one, come all.

26 thurs

MCC Hartford, Conn. will hold a 6 pm buffet at St. Paul's, 1 Amity St. corner of Park St., Hartford. Tickets are available at the door at \$1.50 a piece. Everyone is welcome to attend the service following at 7:30 pm.

Please submit calendar items to Calendar Editor, GCN, noon on Thursday prior to the date of publication.



12 sun

Dr. Richard Pillard will speak on his recent research concerning testosterone levels in homosexuals and heterosexual men at 2 pm on Sunday, in room 14E-304 at M.I.T. Don't miss it, all welcome.

7 pm?—MCC/Providence Coffee House

SUNDAYS

10:30 am—Closet Space, WCAS, 740 AM
4-5 pm—MCC/Providence services, 74 Empire St.
2-4 pm—Gay Women of Providence rap, etc.
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2:30 pm—“Gay A's” Alcoholics rap, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston
4:00 pm—MIT SHL meeting, Rm. 1-132 (first and third Sundays)

4:00 pm—MCC/Worcester services at Central Congregational Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester
5:30 pm—Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston

6:30 pm—Gay Church Services, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, Maine
6:30 pm—MCC Boston hymn-sing, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, Boston
7:00 pm—MCC/Providence services, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3733

7:30 pm—MCC Hartford, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1 Amity St.
8:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Rm. 31
7 pm?—MCC/Providence Coffee House



FRIDAYS

11:00 am—SMU Gay Alliance lesbian rap, Gay Alliance office
12:30 pm—UMass/Boston Gay Group, Columbia Point, College II, room 620

7:00 pm—Wilde-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial Union

8:30 pm—B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, Boston

8:30 pm—UConn Gay Alliance, Inner College Trailer, 'R' lot, off N. Eagleville Rd., Storrs Conn.

7 pm?—MCC/Providence Coffee House, 75 Empire St.

7:30 pm—HUB General Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston

SATURDAYS

1:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, 536-6197

2:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, open rap & meeting, 419 Boylston St., Room 509

3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union Radio, WCUW 91.3 FM

8:00 pm—East Conn Gay Alliance 889-7530

8:00 pm—Gay Support and Action, dance at 23 Franklin St., Bangor Maine

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